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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Probably the most remarkable gathering of medical men in the history of this country occurred in Chicago in the first week of June; it was the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association. By nine o'clock on Monday morning, June 1st, the registration hall was crowded and it was evident to one with half an eye that all previous records of attendance would be broken. And this assumption was well within the fact, for no less than 6447 members registered during the session, and doubtless there were several hundred who came but did not register; there are always some in this class. The House of Delegates began its work promptly on Monday morning and conducted a maximum amount of business in a minimum amount of time; there were no hitches and no squabbles, and when any matter came to a final vote, in almost every instance the vote was unanimous. A resume of the work of the house will be found on another page and it will be seen that measures of great importance were passed upon. The two great undertakings of the Association—the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry and the Council on Medical

Education—were heartily and enthusiastically supported and ample funds provided for their continued activity. By unanimous vote, Dr. J. N. McCormack was requested to continue in charge of the work of organization and public education in matters medical, and he unwillingly consented to do so. No man in our profession has done more arduous work during the past six years, or at greater personal sacrifice, for the benefit of physicians, than has Dr. McCormack. Only eight delegates from the various state associations failed to register in the House of Delegates; and, we are ashamed to confess the fact, California was one of the eight states so lacking. But two of our three delegates were in attendance. This is not as it should be and the House of Delegates of our State Society, at its next meeting, should see to it that members are elected who can and will fulfil the obligations which they assume when they consent to become delegates. The work of the Association is far too important to every physician in the land to be in the slightest degree neglected. Let us think this matter over carefully and choose deliberately, at our next meeting, such delegates as we may be sure will be in attendance and will represent our state. It is true that to be a delegate means to work; but the work is not as hard as it was a few years ago, and the house manages to perform its labors in much less time than formerly, thus giving delegates some time to devote to their section work.

Dr. Burrell, the President, made an ideal presiding officer and conserved the time of the house very materially. His rulings were uniformly just and made promptly; and, withal, with due courtesy. Atlantic City was chosen as the place for the next meeting, the time to be set by the Trustees, depending upon the dates which are available, though probably about the third week in June, 1909. Dr. William C. Gorgas, Colonel, U. S. A., was elected President-elect and will be installed at the next meeting. Certainly the Association honored itself no less than Colonel Gorgas in electing for its president one who has written his name so high upon the roster of American physicians. First Vice-President, Dr. Thomas Jefferson Murray, Butte, Montana; Second Vice-President, Dr. John A. Hatchett, El Reno, Oklahoma; Third Vice-President, Dr. Thomas A. Woodruff, Chicago; Fourth Vice-President, Dr. E. N. Hall, Woodbury, Kentucky; Secretary, Dr. George H. Simmons; Treasurer, Dr. Frank Billings; Trustees (term expires 1911), Dr. Wisner R. Townsend, New York; Dr. Philip Mills Jones, San Francisco, and Dr. William T. Sarles, Sparta, Wisconsin. The Trustees whose terms have not expired are as follows: Expire 1909—Drs. William H. Welch, Miles F. Porter, M. L. Harris. Expire 1910—Drs. T. J. Happell, W. W. Grant and Philip Marvel.